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I hope to see a more suitable settlement than the one currently proposed for the Microsoft Monopolies case.

Microsoft owns a monopoly for computer desktop operating systems.

Steps must be taken to ensure that microsoft does not unfairly leverage this platform to unfairly forward itself in other markets, such as it did with Internet Browsers in the mid 1990s.

OEM CONTRACTS

The only fair way to prevent Microsoft from leveraging this is to firstly look at the contracts and prices it forces OEM computer equipment suppliers such as Dell and Gateway to sign, to ensure that 'unfair' clauses such as "No Internet Browser software other than Microsofts shall be shipped with an OEM supplied Microsoft Operating system." This prevented companies from shipping Netscape Navigator as well as Internet Explorer with the machine.

All OEM Equipment Supplier MUST be allowed to buy Microsoft Operating systems at the same price, and be free to offer any other software in addition to that supplied by Microsoft without prejudice against them.

BUNDLED SOFTWARE

If Microsoft want to ship a version of a product such as say "Media Player" bundled with the Windows Operating system then opportunity must be given to other competing products to be included on the Windows CD, or Microsoft must unbundle the product.

This ensures that Microsoft and its competitors face the same 'barriers to market' as each other.

Hope these two suggestions help, they are simple and straight forward I hope.

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